

OPINION 1805

Doris grandiflora Rapp, 1827 (currently *Dendrodoris grandiflora*) and *Doridopsis guttata* Odhner, 1917 (currently *Dendrodoris guttata*) (Mollusca, Gastropoda): specific names conserved

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Ruling

(1) Under the plenary powers the specific name *guttata* Risso, 1826, as published in the binomen *Doris guttata*, is hereby suppressed for the purposes of both the Principle of Priority and the Principle of Homonymy.

(2) The following names are hereby placed on the Official List of Specific Names in Zoology:

(a) *grandiflora* Rapp, 1827, as published in the binomen *Doris grandiflora*;

(b) *guttata* Odhner, 1917, as published in the binomen *Doridopsis guttata*.

(3) The name *guttata* Risso, 1826, as published in the binomen *Doris guttata* and as suppressed in (1) above, is hereby placed on the Official Index of Rejected and Invalid Specific Names in Zoology.

History of Case 2886

An application for the conservation of the specific name of *Doris grandiflora* Rapp, 1827 was received from Drs Jesús Ortea and Ángel Valdés (*Laboratorio de Zoología, Universidad de Oviedo, Oviedo, Spain*) on 13 April 1993. After correspondence the case was published in BZN 51: 7–9 (March 1994). Notice of the case was sent to appropriate journals.

A comment in support from Dr Richard C. Willan (*Museum and Art Gallery of the Northern Territory, Darwin, Northern Territory, Australia*) and Mr Robert Burn (*Geelong, Victoria, Australia*) was published in BZN 51: 256 (September 1994).

These authors also pointed out that suppression of the unused specific name of *Dendrodoris guttata* (Risso, 1826) would conserve the junior secondary homonym *D. guttata* (Odhner, 1917), currently much in use, as well as the junior synonym *D. grandiflora* (Rapp, 1827). It was proposed on the voting paper that the specific name of *Doris guttata* Risso, 1826 should be suppressed for the purposes of both the Principle of Priority and the Principle of Homonymy (cf. Proposal 6(1) on BZN 51: 8), and that the specific name of *Doridopsis guttata* Odhner, 1917 should be placed on the Official List, in addition to that of *Doris grandiflora* Rapp, 1827 (cf. Proposal (2)).

Decision of the Commission

On 1 December 1994 the members of the Commission were invited to vote on the proposals published in BZN 51: 8, with the amendment to Proposal (1) and addition to Proposal (2) noted above. At the close of the voting period on 1 March 1995 the votes were as follows:

Affirmative votes — 24: Bayer, Bock, Bouchet, Cocks, Corliss, Dupuis, Hahn, Halvorsen, Heppell, Holthuis, Kabata, Kraus, Lehtinen, Macpherson, Mahnert, Martins de Souza, Minelli, Nielsen, Ride, Savage, Schuster, Štys, Thompson, Willink

Negative votes — 1: Nye.

No votes were received from Cogger, Starobogatov, Trjapitzin and Uéno.

Original references

The following are the original references to the names placed on an Official List and an Official Index by the ruling given in the present Opinion:

grandiflora, Doris, Rapp, 1827, *Nova Acta Physico-Medica Academiae Caesareae Leopoldino-Carolinae Naturae Curiosorum*, **13**: 520.

guttata, Doridopsis, Odhner, 1917, *Kungliga Svenska Vetenskapsakademiens Handlingar*, **52**(16): 62.

guttata, Doris, Risso, 1826, *Histoire naturelle des principales productions de l'Europe Méridionale et particulièrement de celles des environs de Nice et des Alpes Maritimes*, vol. 4, p. 33.